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NSI Countdown 33 Days

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week's preparation tip

Red Carpet Rollout

This week Whiteman welcomes ...

Brig. Gen. Gregory Power
8th Air Force Vice Commander
Col. Richard Howell
Air Combat Command, Deputy Civil Engineer

News in Brief

Medical group announces closure

The 509th Medical Group closes at noon today for a Medical Professional Community Outreach Open House. In case of an emergency, call Cheryl Burton at 687-1045.

Free reception for Team Whiteman

A free reception for all Whiteman members and their families takes place 5-7 p.m. Monday at Mission's End. The reception will honor those who deployed for AEF 7 or 8.

Officer calls scheduled

Brig. Gen. Gregory Power, 8th Air Force vice commander, will hold mandatory meetings Thursday to discuss the service's new Force Development concept. Officer calls take place 10-11:15 a.m. and 12:15- 1:30 p.m. in the base theater. For more information about the program, see Page 3 and visit <https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/fd>.

Phone service interruption set

Base DSN phones with a 687- prefix will have no long-distance service and reduced DSN service 4-6 p.m. today and no service Nov. 28. This is to allow expansion in the number of available lines. This interruption includes phone lines at the base clinic, but doesn't affect 911 service, which will still be available to dispatch ambulance and emergency services. Phones with a 563- prefix and cell phones will not be affected. The command post can be reached at 563-3535.

Split disbursement for civilian TDYs

Civilian employees will be required to use split disbursement when filing a travel voucher, beginning Dec. 1. This arrangement is already mandatory for military members. For more information, call 1st Lt. Jason Williams, 509th Bomb Wing, at 687-5389.

Commissary announces closure

The commissary will be closed Tuesday in observance of Veteran's Day. It will reopen with normal hours Wednesday. For more details, call Carol Lakey or Margaret Joyner at 687-5655.



Photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

New chiefs

Whiteman had seven chief master sergeant selectees on the promotion list announced Wednesday. Whiteman's selection rate of 35 percent was nearly double the Air Force rate of 19 percent. Selectees are: Senior Master Sgts. John Little, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, Andres Alvarez, 509th Maintenance Squadron, Stephen Page, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Billy Sheridan, 509th Operations Support Squadron, Dana Phillips, 509th AMXS, Bobby Rush, 509th Bomb Wing, and Brian Agan, 509th AMXS.



Inset photo by Airman Ryan Wilson; Main photo by Senior Airman Shawn Clements

Exercise ends

Inset: B-2 aircrews respond after the Klaxon system alerts them as part of the higher headquarters-directed command and control exercise Oct. 31. Main photo: B-2s taxi to take off during the "elephant walk" as part of the exercise. The annual exercise took place Oct. 21-31.

Commander's Corner

By Col. Doug Raaberg
509th Bomb Wing Commander

SEVEN NEW CHIEFS. This week we added some "firepower" to our chief's ranks with seven new selectees. You've already seen who they are on the front page of the Spirit. I want to personally congratulate their units, their commanders and chiefs for paving the way for their success. You ought to be proud that Whiteman garnered a 35 percent selection rate compared to the Air Force average of around 20 percent ... that takes leadership at all levels to achieve this milestone. Finally, congratulations to our promotees. You are now the future combat Chiefs of our U.S. Air Force.



WELCOME HOME OUR AEF TEAM MEMBERS. At 5 p.m. Monday in Mission's End, we are welcoming home all the members and families of those who deployed for AEF 7 and 8.

Frankly, this is a tremendous opportunity to say thank you to all our Spirit Team members for their hard work in bridging the gap for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Bring your family and friends to the club for a huge celebration. Everyone is invited. I particularly want to thank Northrop Grumman, Budweiser and Coca Cola for sponsoring this great event.

VETERAN'S DAY IS YOUR DAY TOO. On Tuesday, we celebrate a solemn occasion for those who have donned a uniform and fought for our nation's rights. In those treasured rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, we Americans in the armed forces know, more than anyone else, that there is a sacrifice associated with the honor of being in uniform.

This last year we've committed our B-2s and A-10s to combat operations over Iraq, seen many of our fellow Team Whiteman members deploy to combat zones around the world, and we have witnessed the ultimate sacrifice of those who have fallen in battle. The concept of fighting from abroad has begun to merge with the reality that Whiteman has conducted combat sorties from U.S. soil since the B-2's first long-range strikes.

You are a veteran of those operations. Feel proud that you are an airman, soldier or sailor! Carry your unit's pride during Veteran's Day knowing others will not be with us, but will be honored by us. If you see a vet, give them a heartfelt thanks for what they did in Desert Storm, Vietnam, Korea and World War II. They too paved the way to make us the greatest military on earth and the most free nation in the world - America!

CLIMATE SURVEY...A FEEDBACK TOOL. We need your feedback. Over the past weeks, the Air Force has been asking for you to give us some feedback through the Climate Survey. It's easy to get to, it's Web based and takes no more than a half hour to complete. I need your



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Airman 1st Class Noel Lohr, 509th Communications Squadron, takes Air Force Climate Survey online.

help because the results, though confidential, will provide unit commanders the tools to work issues and tackle problems that we have found are expressed by you. It's a profound way of making change happen in a very positive way. Please take the extra time to respond to our Climate Survey ... you'll find the link on our Web site, <http://www.whiteman.af.mil>.

SAFETY IN EXERCISES. I want to thank all 509ers for their concerted efforts during exercises Red Flag and Global Guardian. Our ops tempo has been brisk over the last two weeks. In the end, we dramatically improved our combat capability ... all done without hurting anyone. Continue to exercise the leadership necessary to take care of our people.

Get on the Air Force bus and lead the way to success

By Lt. Col. Rickey Turner
509th Security Forces Commander

I was jogging through base housing recently when I saw some youths waiting for the school bus. As I passed one of the young boys, he appeared to be 7 or 8 years old, he called out "Are you the bus?" I answered back, "Sure, I'm the bus, get on board and let's go."

It struck me that we're the "bus" as members of the most powerful Air Force in the world. From the most junior enlisted member to the very senior officers, we're the ones charged to take the lead and bring our fellow airmen with us.

Being a member of the Air Force is like the bus picking up the children and getting them to school. There are multiple busses on different routes picking up numerous children to bring them together for a single purpose: to educate them. The Air Force is a like in that we pick up young people from all walks of life and bring them together for a single purpose: to project global power.

My question is, "Are you on the bus?" Furthermore, where are you on the bus?

Some days you're the driver of the bus because it's your job to get everyone to the assigned destination. Other days you're riding the bus, helping others get to their destination. Regardless of your position on the

bus, your role is vital to ensure everyone gets to the final destination.

Here, our final destination is to launch aircraft — whether you belong to the 509th Bomb Wing, the 442nd Fighter Wing or the 1-135th Attack Battalion. Along the way we have some very important responsibilities to ensure our combat capability.

A transformation takes place as you observe a school bus along the route picking up students. At first there are a few students on the bus, it's relatively quiet and not much is happening. But, as more students are picked up the noise and activity levels increase as students interact with one another. After the driver picks up all the students, they're taken to school where the next phase of the mission begins.

The same can be said for our Air Force. When there are few people working on a task not as much can be accomplished. However, when there are multiple airmen working on the same task the activity level increases and the likelihood for success is greater.

The job of the leader is to focus attention on the objective.

It begins with the commander; however, there are many others who assume the leadership role as well. The branch chief, superintendent, officer or NCO in charge, supervisor and others have a leadership role. As the

leadership role flows down the line of responsibility, the scope of the task becomes more focused until it rests with the technician performing the task. At that point, the airman has the leadership responsibility to do the job. When that airman encounters an obstacle, the supervisor can help elevate the issue back up the line of responsibility until it reaches the person responsible for eliminating the obstacle.

Individually, we can't perform every function necessary to fly the B-2 into combat. However, collectively we have experts ready to do their job ensuring the B-2 is ready to fly.

Just as each bus travels a different route taking students to school, each Air Force organization has a different function to perform to obtain global power.

From security to communications, from services to contracting, and so on, each squadron has a function to perform before we can launch a B-2 for combat. The leader for each function varies based on the task to be performed. It's important for us to know what our role is and to perform our task to the absolute best of our ability. The successful completion of the mission requires everyone to work together.

Individually, we can't make the B-2 fly but, together we can sustain the B-2 as the premier weapons system for the U.S. Air



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Master Sgt. Daniel Hawkins, 509th Security Forces Squadron, explains organizational plans of the 509th SFS historical room to Lt. Col. Rickey Turner, 509th SFS commander. Also pictured are 1st Lt. Steve Ohlmeyer and Master Sgt. Tom Wissinger, 509th SFS.

Force long into the future, ready to answer the call each time our country beckons.

So, I ask you, as the young boy asked me "Are you the bus?" Get on board and let's go.

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Air Force unveils force development plan

By Tech Sgt. David Jablonski

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force leaders launched a spread-the-word tour this month to explain force development, a new system that transforms how the service will train, educate and assign people to meet mission challenges.

Teams led by major command general officers will visit every base to explain the details of this initiative and to ensure officers understand the concept, policies and procedures. Brig. Gen. Gregory Power, 8th Air Force vice commander, will visit Whiteman Nov. 14th.

Although the first phase of implementing force development targets processes affecting members of the officer corps, all elements — enlisted, civilian, Reserve and Air National Guard — will eventually benefit from the force development construct, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper.

“Force development is all about getting the right people in the right job at the right time with the right skills to fight and win in support of our national security objectives, now and in the future,” he said. “It will result in significant changes to our current program of officer progression.”

As the chief of staff’s “change agent” for force development, the Air Force Senior Leadership Management Office

is leading this effort. AFSLMO officials are working with key Air Staff and Air Force Personnel Center leaders to reassess and transform how the Air Force educates, trains and assigns the total force.

Current and future phases of this transformation will include adjustments to officer academic and professional military education and professional development processes, enlisted professional development and professional military education programs, management of senior enlisted leaders and development of Air Force civilian employees.

AFSLMO director, Brig. Gen. Richard Hassan, said force-development doctrine consists of three levels: tactical, operational and strategic.

At the tactical level, airmen will continue to concentrate on learning primary skills.

At the operational level, airmen begin developing complementary skills and an understanding of the broader Air Force perspective. They’ll learn how a wide variety of individual capabilities combine to complete an organization’s mission as well as the Air Force’s and its joint partners’.

At the strategic level, airmen combine skills and experiences to develop a knowledge base that extends beyond the Air Force into Defense Department, interagency and international arenas.

“This is a huge cultural shift for our institution,” Hassan

said. “Force development is about better development and better utilization of the total force. It also takes into account that all airmen will not necessarily need to be, or want to be developed through all three levels. We need great tactical and operational leaders in our Air Force and as the chief said, we will value each and every one of them, at all levels.”

Hassan compared the force development construct to the way the Air Force fights.

“When we’ve gone to war we (have) thought about it in terms of doctrine — how we would employ forces,” Hassan said. “For example, you don’t send an (Airborne Warning and Control System) or (Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System) over enemy territory uncovered. We deploy our assets in an integrated fashion, not one at a time. But we didn’t do the same thing with our people. In the current system, we think about officers and everybody else all separately, and in some cases leave them uncovered.”

It’s all about taking care of the Air Force’s most valuable resource, Hassan said.

“What force development does is recognize their value, consider their expectations and provide them with the right set of skills to help them be the best they can at what they do,” he said.

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(Editor’s note: The 509th Bomb Wing Plans and Programs Office will provide tips and other information to help 509ers prepare for the Nuclear Surety Inspection in Dec. 10-16. This week’s topic is nuclear surety safety. The last tips will printed Dec. 5.)

Nuclear Surety Programs will be inspected at the wing and squadron level by the Air Combat Command Inspector General teams. Safety inspections will include:

- ✓ Compliance with the two-person rule.
- ✓ Compliance with safety requirements and precautions specified in directives in the areas of weapons handling, assembly, maintenance, storage operations, logistical movements, explosive safety standards and weapons systems safety rules.

✓ Nuclear Surety Program — Evaluate compliance, programs and management per Air Force Instruction 90-101, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Surety Program.

✓ Unit fire prevention programs, practices, procedures and overall implementation.

So what does this mean?

✓ It means people who are on Personnel Reliability Program status may be given a Nuclear Surety test by the IG team.

✓ It may mean brushing up on squadron nuclear surety and safety programs. It also provides an everyday focus for nuclear safety through diligent procedures dealing with weapons and programs.

“Finally, we need to show our superior abilities to the inspection team through our winning attitudes throughout the wing nuclear surety and safety programs,” said Maj. Alan Miller, 509th BW Plans and Programs Office.



Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Tech. Sgt. Brad Case, 509th Bomb Wing Weapons Safety Office, verifies the nuclear certification status of a munitions lift truck. He’s using a printout from the Web-based Master Nickel, the Air Force Master Nuclear Certification List at <https://www.mil.nwd.kirtland.af.mil/MNC/default.asp>.

Centennial of Flight



Two B-17s, without air-crews, are flown from Hilo, Hawaii to Muroc Lake, California, controlled entirely by radio Aug. 6, 1946.

Sortie board



Monthly

	B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	552.0	500.0	321.3
Flown	124.8	72.5	45.4

Fiscal year

	B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	6600.0	3870.0	4200.0
Flown	654.8	610.7	446.3

Wing honors 83 promotees

The 509th Bomb Wing recognized 83 people at the promotion ceremony Monday. They are:

Airmen Ashley Greer, 509th Security Forces Squadron, **Jeri Helms**, 509th Mission Support Squadron, **Nicholas Hutcheson**, 509th SFS, **Daniel Messina**, 509th SFS, **Crystal Stuart**, 509th MSS, **Candace Vlahogorge**, 509th SFS, and **Janelle Winterborne**, 509th SFS.

Airmen 1st Class Khalid Al-Amoudi , 509th Services Squadron, **Kevin Barrett**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, **John Calvano**, 509th Communications Squadron, **Kasey Carr**, 394th Combat Training Squadron, **Dominic Castro**, 509th Maintenance Squadron, **Keith Chase**, 509th Medical Support Squadron, **Gabriel Drummond**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, **Keenon Green**, 509th SFS, **Jason Hastings**, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, **Andre Jenkins**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, **Jesse Lockett**, 509th SFS, **Melanie Milhorn**, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, **Brandon Miller**, 509th SFS, **Tuan Nguyen**, 509th LRS, **Benjamin Phillips**, 509th MXS, **Robert Ruediger**, 509th SFS, **George Smith**, 509 AMXS, **Lindsay Trotter**, 509th Munitions Squadron, **Brian Watkins**, 509th MXS, and **Justin Yost**, 509th SFS.

Senior Airmen Christopher Adams, 509th CES, **Matthew Adler**, 509th MUNS, **Joseph Barnard**, 509th MXS, **Christopher Bishop**, 509th SFS, **Trevor Casebolt**, 509th SFS, **Robert Deieso**, 509th MXS, **Kenneth Dotson**, 509th MXS, **Derrick Douglas**, 509th SFS, **Shawanda Draper**, 509th SVS, **William Fields**, AMXS, **Michael Gruca**, 509th MXS, **Chas Jacobsen**, 509th MXS, **Micah**

Jacobsen, 509th CS, **Davell James**, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, **Ray Johnson**, 509th SVS, **Lateef Jones**, 509th Operations Support Squadron, **Brian Kelley**, 509th AMXS, **Douglas King**, 509th MUNS, **Kenneth Kirschner**, 509th CES, **James Kulpa**, 509th MUNS, **Maria Maciel**, 509th SVS, **Dan Matsumoto**, 509th OSS, **Lehjade Menchavez**, 509th Bomb Wing, **David Moses**, 509th AMXS, **Timothy Murphy**, 509th MXS, **William Quinn**, 509th MUNS, **Antonia Robinson**, 509th Comptroller Squadron, **Alejandro Rodriguez**, 509th CES, **Jeffrey Schroeder**, 509th CES, **Kennya Starks**, 509th SFS, **Angilia Steinmetz**, 509th LRS, **Amber Tillman**, 509th OSS, **Anthony Todaro**, 509th AMXS, **Angel Unate**, 509th AMXS, and **Joshua White**, 509th SFS.

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Master Sgts. Steven Burmester, 509th MXS, **James Oldeen**, 509th Maintenance Group, and **Timothy Rowe**, 509th SFS,

Senior Master Sgts. James Askern, 509th AMXS, and **David Giesen**, 509th MXS.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Gaddis

Adding wings

Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, and former 509th Operations Group commander, and Tanya Land pin colonel insignias onto Col. Scott Land, 509th Operations Group deputy commander. Col. Land was officially promoted Oct. 31.

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A 'star' is born

Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, presents a certificate to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Keith Darlington, 509th Bomb Wing, after he was awarded a bronze star. Darlington received the award for his meritorious service during Operation Iraqi Freedom while deployed to Southwest Asia. Pictured with Darlington is his wife Debra.



Photos by Airman Ryan Wilson

'Fire' it up

Inset: The new aircraft fire training area was set on fire to cut the ribbon marking its opening. Main photo: The aircraft fire training area opened Oct. 31. It's used for training to practice putting out aircraft fires.

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never B-2 safe*

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Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Retired Master Sgt. Robert Hooker was the first 509th Bomb Wing member assigned after the unit moved to Whiteman in 1990.

'None finer than a 509er'

Former historian recalls time as first wing member

(Editor's note: This is the first in a six-week series commemorating the 10th anniversary of the B-2s arrival here and the history of the 509th Bomb Wing.)

By 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Public Affairs

Long before the first B-2 arrived here, the 509th Bomb Wing left Pease Air Force Base, N.H., and quietly came to Whiteman on paper.

The wing existed without any assigned members from Sept. 30, 1990, until Roger Hooker arrived here in November 1991 after tours in Arkansas and Japan.

Hooker, now a retired master sergeant, didn't know he was a 509th BW member. No one told him until six months after he arrived when someone from the base manpower office casually mentioned it in conversation, he said.

When Hooker received his follow-on assignment to Whiteman, he was assigned to the 351st Missile Wing. Then, he was told he was being re-assigned to Detachment 509 as the historian.

He reported to Whiteman, met his commander, Col. John Donnelly, and began his work as a historian. To this day, Hooker, said he doesn't know when he became the first 509th BW member at Whiteman. Nothing really changed. He still reported to Donnelly and wore the Det. 509 hat around base.

"I always felt like a member of Det. 509," he said.

The move to become a 509th BW member was an administrative detail. Air Combat Command told Whiteman that it couldn't have a unit on base without someone assigned.

The 509th BW needed its first member and Whiteman's base manpower office looked at who they could assign. Many of the Det. 509 members would either move or change jobs when the 509th stood up on April 1, 1993. Hooker wouldn't.

Hooker was Whiteman's historian long before the 509th came here. He was the 351st Missile Wing historian before he took assignments in Arkansas and Japan.

After his return from Japan he became the Det. 509 historian and then the 509th BW historian until his retirement in 2000.

When he returned after Japan, he kept busy recording history, and interviewing Donnelly and other Det. 509 members.

He also spent a lot of time unpacking trophies and other memorabilia sent from Pease.

Hooker remembered the day he received a large box full of styrofoam. He started clearing out the styrofoam and was startled when he saw two eyes staring at him. He continued clearing out the box and discovered a stuffed tiger that the 393rd Bombardment Squadron had sent to the new 393rd Bomb Squadron.

Of all the events that took place during Hooker's tenure, he said the Spirit of Missouri landing here on Dec. 17, 1993, was his most memorable experience.

"I actually felt I was part of history instead of merely recording it," Hooker said. "As the historian, I felt that an old era was vanishing (the missiles going away) and that a new era had dawned at Whiteman."

The new era of the 509th had a rich history to uphold. During World War II, the 509th Bomb Wing had a phrase: "None finer than a 509er." That is the legacy Hooker and Whiteman were tasked to carry on.



Whiteman Spirit Award



Capt. Lisa Mahon
509th Bomb Wing

Capt. Lisa Mahon, 509th Bomb Wing, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th BW commander Monday.

Retired Maj. Bob Bauden 509th Mission Support Squadron Retiree Activities Office, nominated Mahon for her volunteer work during Whiteman's Retiree Appreciation Day Sept. 20.

Mahon was the active-duty coordinator for the event. More than 300 retired military members attended a series of briefings to update them on what special services are available to them Air Force-wide.

She met several challenges in preparing the meeting location, Bauden said. Those challenges included ensuring the program progressed in a timely manner and dealing with the numerous details involved with planning the event.

Many of the retirees gave positive feedback on Mahon's work, Bauden said.

"Captain Mahon has the Whiteman 'can do' attitude," Bauden said.

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Logistics Readiness Officer

Time on station: 1 year, 6 months

Time in service: 20 years, 5 months

Hometown: Spruce Creek, PA

Spouse: Capt. Terrance Mahon, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Hobbies: Cooking, eating, reading and participating in Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed children's group.

Goals: To make my parents read more.

Best thing about Whiteman: It's the home of the 509th Bomb Wing — my first assignment when I enlisted in 1984.

Pet peeves: People who continue to make make a conscious decision to drink and drive.

What motivates your winning spirit?:

A sense of adventure; there are so many things to experience in life!

If you could change one thing at Whiteman, what would it be? The summer heat.

Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed with the superior customer service provided by the nominee.

If you know someone who has the Whiteman Spirit, send the nomination to the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 509, Suite 111, or e-mail whiteman.spirit@Whiteman.af.mil.



Civilian Employee of the Week

Veronica Randolph was nominated for this award by Sandra Vance, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Randolph is a residual stock control technician assigned to the 509th LRS. She's responsible for one of customer service's key core tasks: reducing unmanageable tracer action required listings. Randolph reduced one listing from 366 items to 94 in 60 days. She also recovered \$3 million in shipments that were previously reported lost.

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1st Sergeant's View

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Each week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)

By Master Sgt. William Craven

394th Combat Training Squadron Additional Duty First Sergeant

The 509th Bomb Wing experienced an Environmental Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management program inspection and a Safety Professional Military Education this past week.

What else do we have for November? Several distinguished visitors coming, a Nuclear Surety Exercise, weekend flying, regular weekly flying, Veterans Day, Military Appreciation Day at the University of Missouri, Thanksgiving, mandatory physical training and inclement weather.

December doesn't get much better with a couple of Unit Training Assembly weekends, a Nuclear Surety Inspection, B-2 10th Anniversary celebration, retreat, airman leadership school graduation and squadron parties. This also

doesn't include the things that need to be accomplished but aren't on the wing calendar.

During the holidays, we have people living in the dorms, co-workers who are deployed and some who can't make it home for the holidays. It's important to ensure that these and other Whiteman family members aren't left out.

Stress during the holiday season is something we must be vigilant about. We need to look out for those around us as well as ourselves.

Don't operate on auto pilot; don't just take care of everyone else and not yourself. There are more people than you'd believe who want you to have a great holiday and are willing to be there for you when things start to overwhelm you. Don't be afraid to ask for help because the most important thing is for everyone to have a happy and enjoyable holiday.

These people are standing by to help you or someone you know to deal with the holiday stresses before they overwhelm you: base chaplains, family support center staff members, health and wellness center staff members, life skills center staff, family, friends, supervisors, first sergeants, and commanders. The goal is for everyone to have a happy and enjoyable holiday season.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Master Sgt. William Craven speaks to Staff Sgts. Kassandra Vitela and Tamiki Jacobs about dealing with holiday stress. Craven is the 394th Combat Training Squadron additional duty first sergeant, and Vitela and Jacobs are 394th CTS members.

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Combating nature's stealth threat: Flu

Throughout history, influenza has been one of the stealthiest combatants military forces have ever encountered. The outcome of almost every major military campaign has been decided by the health of the forces — the side with the healthiest forces won. As a vital part of maintaining a fit fighting force, the 509th Medical Group offers the 2003 Influenza Vaccination Program.

The MedGp has received a large part of the flu vaccine supply and the staff is ready to vaccinate. A shortage isn't anticipated but until the full allotment is received, Team Whiteman members will be prioritized. First, active duty and second, people with medical conditions placing them at high risk of influenza complications.

Flu shots will be offered to Tricare eligible beneficiaries 8-11:30 a.m. and 2-4:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at the community center. This will ensure those at the highest medical and operational risk are vaccinated first, and it will help alleviate long lines and waiting times at the immunization clinic.

The vaccination is required for active duty members because influenza is a serious disease. It can incapacitate or degrade effectiveness of members for significant periods, thereby compromising mission capability.

The flu is caused by a virus that spreads from one infected person to the nose or throats of others, and can move rapidly through groups of people in dormitories and work areas.

The "influenza season" in the United States takes place November through April each year. Influenza can cause fever, cough, chills, sore throat, headache and muscle aches.

People of any age can get the flu. Most people are ill with influenza for only a few days, but some get much sicker and may need to be hospitalized. Influenza causes thousands of deaths each year, mostly among the elderly. Getting vaccinated can prevent this disease.

Some people are at higher risk for acquiring influenza or suffering serious effects of the disease. The MedGp staff has identified members of the population who may be at higher risk for suffering serious effects of the virus, and have contacted those people.

People who haven't been notified but consider themselves high risk should contact their Primary Care Manager Team.

The MedGp plans to vaccinate all active duty members and eligible civilians. This plan includes various opportuni-



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, gets a flu shot from Staff Sgt. Jill Bass, 509th Medical Operations Squadron.

ties to be immunized, including point of service vaccinations on location at various squadrons. For more details, contact your PCM Team. **(Courtesy of the 509th Medical Group Public Health Office)**

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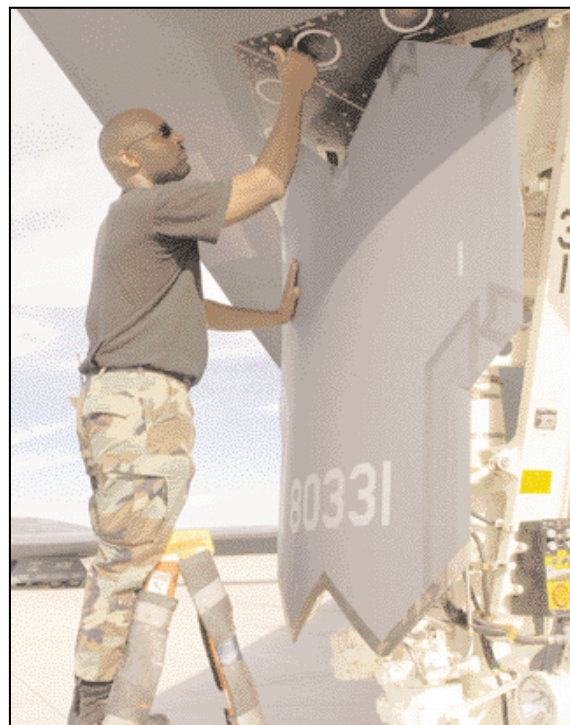


A B-2 takes off from the runway at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., during the Red Flag exercise Oct. 18-31. The B-2 is a multi-role bomber capable of delivering conventional and nuclear munitions. The B-2 brings massive firepower to bear, in a short time, anywhere in the world through previously impenetrable defenses. Red Flags are war exercises that allow combat aircrews training in a realistic simulated war environment. The exercise is used to help maximize the combat readiness, capability and survivability of participating units while providing a free exchange of ideas between units.



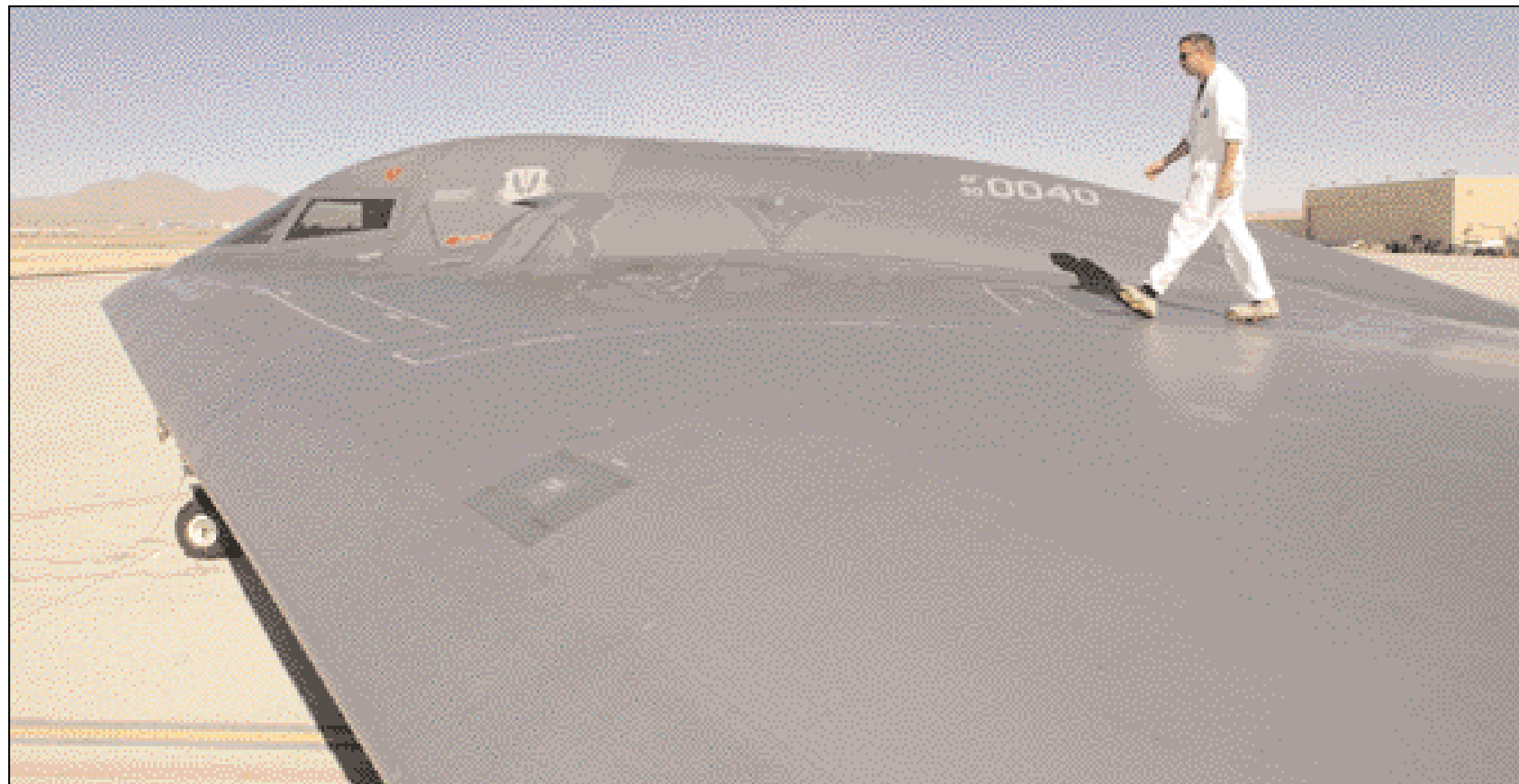
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Staff Sgt. Jeremy Hamilton, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron hydraulics technician, removes the fasteners on the environmental compartment of a B-2 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. Hamilton was one of more than 150 Whiteman members that participated in the two-week exercise.



Tech. Sgt. William Everett, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron structural maintenance technician, examines the front end of a B-2 during the Red Flag exercise.

Red Flag produces combat-ready airmen

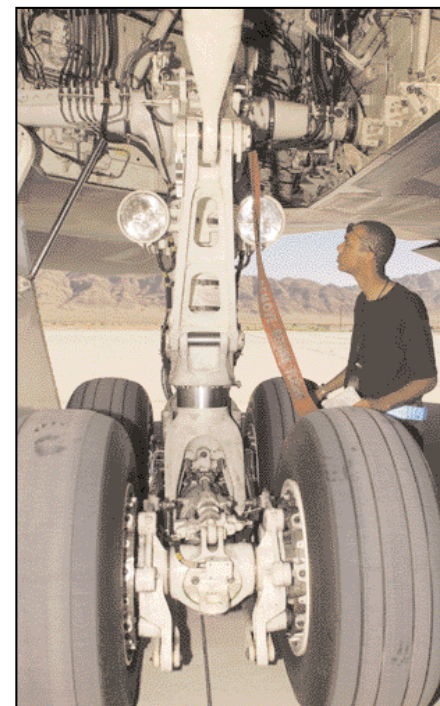


Staff Sgt. Kevin Ponton, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron structural maintenance technician, examines the wing surface of a B-2 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. He and several other Whiteman members were sent on temporary duty to Nellis to maintain the B-2s that participated in the Red Flag exercise. This U.S.

forces-only exercise allowed participants the opportunity to use special capabilities that they wouldn't be able to use in regular exercises. Whiteman members used 187,000 pounds of equipment and supplies. Other units also participated in the exercise.



Senior Airman Edmond Jacobs clears his M-16 while Staff Sgt. Patrick Odom checks it. The 509th Security Forces members provided security for the B-2s while at the exercise.



Senior Airman Christopher Grady, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, inspects the landing gear bay on one of the four B-2s during the Red Flag exercise.



Crew chiefs Tech. Sgt. Steve McElwain and Senior Airman Jason Capehart, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, place the landing door edge covers on the landing gear door of the B-2 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.



Photo by Master Sgt. Mike Nixon

The next fighter

An F-22 Raptor lands in front of a pair of B-2s during the Red Flag exercise Oct. 22 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The F-22 is a new breed of super-fighter and is the first production aircraft with the ability to supercruise, flying at supersonic speeds without using afterburners. The Air Force recently accepted of the delivery of F-22 to be assigned to Tyndall AFB, Fla.

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No tricks, just treats

Matthew Bateman, dressed as a construction worker, grabs a candy bag from Natalie Thomas, 509th Maintenance Group. Matthew's parents are Senior Airman Nick and Natasha Bateman, 509th Maintenance Squadron. The family advocacy program and the Mom's, Pop's and Tot's playgroup sponsored a Halloween parade through Bldg. 509 Oct. 30. Infants to 5 year olds trick-or-treated in Bldg. 509, then held a Halloween party with games and snacks. Upcoming Mom's, Pop's and Tot's Play group November events include: Free play and Thank You Day, on Thursday and crafts Nov. 20. For more details, call Stephanie Zink at 687-4342.

Menus

Knob Noster Elementary School

Monday:	Chicken with noodles, peas, fruit cocktail, cookie and crackers
Tuesday:	Bean burrito, salad, peaches and pie
Wednesday:	Sliced turkey, potatoes, carrots, grapes and roll
Thursday:	Lasagna roll-up, green beans, pineapple slice, cake and breadsticks
Friday:	Hamburger, french fries, salad and pears

Whiteman Elementary School

Monday:	Hot ham and cheese sandwich, salad, peas with carrots and fruit cobbler
Tuesday:	Catfish nuggets, salad, fruit and energy bar
Wednesday:	Barbecued chicken, baked potato, beans and fruit
Thursday:	Corn dogs, French fries, peas and cake
Friday:	Chicken strips, corn, fruit and peanut butter bars

Chapel Corner

Catholic

Eucharistic Service — 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays
Confessions — 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and upon request
Mass — 5 p.m. Saturdays; 10:45 a.m. Sundays; and 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays

CCD — 9 a.m. Sundays

Protestant

General worship — 9 a.m. Sundays
Gospel — 12:45 p.m. Sundays
Communion — 8:45 a.m. Sundays
Sunday School — 10:45 a.m. Sundays

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What’s happening

Education

For more details, visit <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm> or call 687-5750.

OTS training available

Enlisted members interested in applying for officer training school can apply now through March 2, 2004. Members without a science, engineering, or flying-oriented background are eligible to apply. Previously, those applicants couldn’t apply. Applicants must have a 3.0 grade-point average or above to be eligible. Waivers of the Air Force Officers Qualification Test will be considered only if the total composite score is 150 or higher. For more details, call Larry Broudrick at 687-2420.

Spouse scholarship announced

Spouses of Air Force active-duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve members can apply for a scholarship now through Jan. 30, 2004, from the Aerospace Education Foundation. Thirty applicants will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to pursue undergraduate, graduate or post graduate degrees. The scholarships will be awarded in March 2004. More information is available at the education center or from the AEF Web site at <http://www.aef.org>.

Community

Whiteman enlisted spouses club meets

The Whiteman Enlisted Community Organization meets at 7 p.m. Nov. 17 at the family support center. The club is open to spouses of military enlisted members. Sandi Williams from the FSC is the speaker. The club hosts a Fall Craft Fair 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Knob Noster High School gym. The cost is 50 cents per person. For more details, call Lori Olive at 563-2244.

Blood drive set

The Johnson County Red Cross hosts a blood drive 3-7 p.m. today at the Warrensburg Community Center, 445 E. Gay St. in Warrensburg. For more details or to schedule an appointment, call Bonnie Parsons at 660-747-5173.

Veterans Day Remembrance set

Warrensburg, Central Missouri State University and American Legion Post 131 host a Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Johnson County Courthouse in Warrensburg. The guest speaker is Congressman Ike Skelton of Missouri’s 4th District. For more information, call Lt. Col. Fred Niblock at 687-6962.

Memorial Service scheduled

A memorial service and flag raising ceremony for Tom Peterman begins at noon Sunday at the First Baptist Church, 200 E. Sixth St. in Sedalia. Peterman was a painter and ran the paint shop in the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Parents of Pre-toddlers meet

The Parents of Pre-toddlers group meets 1-2:30 p.m. Mondays at the community center. On Monday the group hosts two free seminars for parents and will have a special guest. For more details, call Lisa Williamson at 660-422-8367.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Family workshop scheduled

To celebrate Military Family Month, workshops are offered at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. today. Free childcare is available. Reservations are required.

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Soccer stars of tomorrow

Left: Josh Rinker, Red Pirates soccer player, battles Black Pirates soccer player Tyler Frederick for the ball during a game Saturday. Josh's parents are Mark and Carolyn Rinker, 509th Operations Support Squadron. Tyler's parents are Mark and LeAnne Frederick, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Above: Ryan Baldwin prepares to blast the Red Pirates' goal as Amanda Beyer and Kelsea Beasley rush to defend. Ryan's parents are Richard and Amanda Baldwin, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Amanda's parents are David and Stacey Beasley, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. Amanda's parents are Dean and Debbie Beyer, Missouri Army National Guard. The Black and Red Pirates are boys' and girls' 3rd and 4th grade soccer teams, sponsored by the youth center. There were 213 children in kindergarten through ninth grade who participated in the youth center soccer program. Youth Sports are sponsored in-part by First Command Financial Planning. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended. The Whiteman youth center recently received honorable mention recognition in this year's judging for the prestigious Excellence in Youth Sports Award.



Gridiron Challenge



The Gridiron Challenge is a weekly competition between the 509th Bomb Wing headquarters and groups, and the 442nd Fighter Wing and Missouri Army National Guard.

A different person from each organization will select the picks for their unit each week.

The weekly winner receives a \$5 SeeMore Buck courtesy of the 509th Services Squadron. Last week's winner was Senior Airman Richard Kuriger, 509th Operations Group.

Week Ten

NCAA

Army at Air Force
Ole Miss at Auburn
Texas at Oklahoma St.
Iowa at Purdue
Tennessee at Miami

NFL

Bucs at Panthers
Bills at Cowboys
Texans at Bengals
Seahawks at Redskins
Jets at Raiders



Master Sgt.
Ben McClellan

Air Force
Ole Miss
Texas
Iowa
Miami

Bucs
Cowboys
Bengals
Seahawks
Jets



Al Weir

Air Force
Ole Miss
Texas
Purdue
Miami

Bucs
Bills
Texans
Seahawks
Raiders



Senior Master
Sgt. Richard
Harken

Air Force
Auburn
Texas
Iowa
Miami

Panthers
Bills
Bengals
Seahawks
Raiders



Lt. Col.
Leslie Martin

Air Force
Auburn
Texas
Purdue
Miami

Panthers
Cowboys
Bengals
Seahawks
Jets



Tech. Sgt.
Tony Barrie

Air Force
Auburn
Texas
Iowa
Miami

Bucs
Cowboys
Bengals
Seahawks
Jets



Maj. Alan Priest

Air Force
Ole Miss
Texas
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Army Staff Sgt.
Phillip Brooke

Army
Ole Miss
Oklahoma St.
Purdue
Miami

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Last Week's Totals

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Season Totals

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Outdoor Recreation **687-5565**

Ice skating

A trip to the Shawnee, Kan., Ice Sports Arena takes place Nov. 15. The \$8 fee includes the bus ride and admission. Meet at outdoor recreation to leave at 10 a.m. and skate noon-2 p.m. Sign up by Thursday.

Wall climbing competition

Compete in the squadron wall climbing competition for \$10 now until April 1. Squadron members sign up and get certified to use the climbing wall. The total number of climbs by each participant and number of mile-high climbers will determine the awards.

Overtime rock climbing

Open climbing is available for certified climbers 5:30-9 p.m. today. A certification course takes place 6-8 p.m.

Bass Pro Shop trip

Take a trip 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 22 to the Bass Pro Shop. There is a \$5 fee for transportation. Get discounted entry to the Wonders of Wildlife Museum at the Tickets and Travel office. Sign up by Nov. 20 at outdoor recreation.

New NAF resale hours

The new NAF resale store hours are noon-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Community Center **687-5617**

Christmas cards to go

Prepare Christmas cards now until Dec. 3 for our service members abroad. Cards must be dropped off by Dec. 4 at the community center.

Rubber stamping instructional class

A rubber stamping class begins at 1 p.m. Nov. 15 at the community center in room C. Learn to design scrapbooks and stationary at this free event. Sign up the day of the class.

Adopt an airman

Adopt an airman for Thanksgiving and give them a day to remember. Host them in your home for the holiday. Sign up by Nov. 25 in the community center.

Guitar lessons

Beginner and intermediate guitar lessons are 4-8 p.m. everyday. Lessons are \$15 for 30 minutes. Call community center to set up dates.

Child Development Center **687-5588**

Day care openings available

The child development center has full-time openings for 3- to 5-year-old children. The program is accredited through the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs.

Whiteman Inn **687-1844**

Thanksgiving lodging accommodations

Whiteman Inn may have rooms available Nov. 23-30 for family members for \$24-\$28 per night. Call to make reservations within 24 hours of arrival.

Mission's End **687-4422**

Karaoke

Karaoke takes place 8 p.m.-midnight today and Nov. 21 in the Lavene Lounge at Mission's End.



Prime rib buffet

A prime rib buffet takes place 5:30-8 p.m. today at Mission's End. The buffet also includes vegetables, potatoes and dessert. The cost is \$14.95 for members and \$17.95 for non-members.

ACC \$1 dinner

An ACC \$1 dinner takes place 5-7 p.m. Nov 14 at Mission's End. Enjoy bean and ham soup, chili, corn bread, baked potatoes, carved beef and more. This event is for club members only.

Teen Center **687-5819**

Ice skating and dinner

There is ice skating and a dinner 5-11 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Crown Center Plaza. A \$10 fee includes skating and transportation to Kansas City, Mo. Sign up by Wednesday.

Smart moves

Teens can attend a Boys and Girls Club drug and alcohol abuse prevention program 7-8 p.m. Nov 14. This event is free for members and \$1 for non-members. Learn more about staying safe.

Skills Development Center **687-5691**

Stained glass class

A six-week beginners stained glass panel class takes place 6-9 p.m. Thursdays at the skills development center. The cost is \$45 plus supplies.

Etched-glass Christmas ornaments

Students can learn to etch glass and make Christmas ornaments 2-3 p.m. Nov. 22. The \$10 fee includes the class and supplies. Sign up by Nov 21.

Clay coiling class

Learn to create pottery in a three-session class using the coiling method and glazing noon-2 p.m. Saturday and Nov. 15 and 22. The class costs \$30 and supplies are approximately \$2. Sign up today.

Fitness Center **687-5496**

Fitness bingo

Participants can pick up a free bingo card at the fitness center through Dec. 31 for this quarterly incentive program. The participant who completes the most bingos during the quarter will win the first-place prize, a full-body massage provided by Darlene Goebel, L.M.T., at Hair Dynamics.



Strengthening class

A strengthening class takes place 11 a.m.-noon Thursdays at the fitness center. Learn to use equipment properly. Sign up the day before the class.

Cardio class

Learn to use cardio vascular equipment 11a.m.-noon Tuesdays at the fitness center. Sign up the day before the class.

Youth Center **687-5586**

K-4 fun night

Children in kindergarten-fourth grade can come to a members only night of fun 6:30-9:30 p.m. Nov. 14 at the youth center. The \$5 fee includes games, arts and crafts, cotton candy, bingo, prizes and more. Sign up begins Monday.

Comedy night

Pre-teens can come to a night of wild and crazy fun 6-9 p.m. Nov. 15 in the youth center. Participate in a Jell-O eating contest, watch a funny movie and more. This event is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers. Sign up begins Monday.

Turkey shoot

A turkey shoot takes place 1-4 p.m. Saturday in the youth center. Children in kindergarten through 12th grade can compete for a frozen turkey by shooting baskets. This is a free event. Participants are asked to bring a canned food donation. The sign up deadline has been changed to today. Call the youth center to register.



Whiteman Base Theater



Friday

The Run Down 7 p.m. PG-13

Starring — Dwayne Johnson & Sean William Scott
Travis (Scott), the son of an underworld kingpin, disappears in the Amazon in search of a priceless artifact, Beck, the kingpin's retrieval expert, is sent to get him. Despite their hostility and their love for the same woman the two must eventually join forces to fight the evil head of a gold-mining corporation who is after the same treasure.

Saturday

Underworld 7 p.m. R

Starring — Kate Beckinsdale & Scott Speedman
Set in the secret nocturnal and supernatural world of vampires and werewolves, two groups that have been at war for centuries, this is the story of a romance between a female vampire warrior, Selene (Beckinsdale), who's famous for her strength and werewolf-hunting prowess, and a peace-loving human, Michael (Speedman), who wants to end the war.

Sunday

The Fighting Temptations 5:30 p.m. PG-13

Starring — Cuba Gooding Jr. & Beyonce Knowles
Slick-talking New York City advertising executive Darrin Fox travels back to his small hometown in Georgia to claim the inheritance his Aunt Sally left him. He finds he must fulfill her last wish before he can collect — create a gospel choir and lead it to success. But with a town full of tin ears and a shortage of singers, Darrin is about ready to give up and head back to the city where he belongs until he runs into Lilly. A beautiful nightclub singer with a voice that could rock the competition at the annual Gospel Explosion, Lilly is just the miracle Darrin is looking for if he can persuade her to sing.

Adults \$3.....Youth \$1.50
Movie recording line 687-5110

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